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THE NBC RADIO NEWS TALK TUESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 25, CONCERNED THE FAILURE OF KISSINGERS LATEST MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST. BODUNDE BANKOLE, STAFF WRITER, WROTE THAT DR. KISSINGER HAD PLACED GREAT HOPES ON HIS LAST PEACE MISSION TO THE MIDDLE EAST AND HAD PROMISED TO STAY ON UNTIL HE WAS ABLE TO GET ISRAEL AND EGYPT TO AGREE ON A PEACE FORMULA.

2. HE REPORTED: "DR. KISSINGERS STRATEGY WAS TO CONCENTRATE ON EGYPT BECAUSE OF ITS POLITICAL PREEMINENCE... THIS STRATEGY DIDNT WORK BECAUSE SYRIA AND THE PLO WERE OPPOSED TO IT. ALL WAS NOT LOST YET. A STRATEGY WAS PROVEN FALSE. IT WAS FALSE TO ASSUME THAT A SETTLEMENT WITH ONE COUNTRY WOULD BRING OTHER COUNTRIES INTO LINE... IT WAS FALSE TO ASSUME THAT THE U.S. ALONE COULD PLAY THE GUARANTOR OF PEACE."

3. "THE LESSON FOR AMERICA AND THE U.N. FROM THE FAILURE OF THE KISSINGER MISSION IS THAT IT WAS HIGH TIME THAT PERSONAL DIPLOMACY WAS REPLACED WITH MULTILATERAL CONSULTATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. IT WILL BE FUTILE TO ASSUME, AS THE U.S. HAS, THAT THE PLO CAN BE DISREGARDED." ON REVIEW OF U.S. POLICY HE CONCLUDED: "SUCH A REVIEW SHOULD TAKE CARE NOT ONLY OF THE CONTENT BUT ALSO OF THE STYLE OF THIS POLICY."

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